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DCI SCHEDULING ITEMDATE RECEIVED: 9 May 80DATE OF EVENT: Friday, 30 May 80

## 1. INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT:

SUSPENSE: 15 May 80a. Source: Tel: 387-2800 Ltr Fm: Rabbi David Sapersteinb. Type of event: Address by DCIc. Special occasion: Seminar on "U.S. Perceptions of the Soviet Threat" for the Washington Interreligious Staff Councild. Date/Time: 0945 hours, Friday, 30 May 80e. Location: Washington, D. C.

f. Significant info: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. SCHEDULE:

*Mon, 21 May 80* *Tues, 27 May* *Wed, 28 May* *Thurs, 29 May* *Fri, 30 May* *Sat, 31 May*

<i>No delay</i>	<i>2000 Responder noted by Amb. P. B. [unclear]</i>	—	—	—	<i>Ambient Responder</i>
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## 3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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## 4. DCI DECISION:

a. SCHEDULE \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ SEE ME \_\_\_\_\_

b. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES \_\_\_\_\_

c. PASS TO: DDCI \_\_\_\_\_ D/DCI/IC \_\_\_\_\_ D/DCI/NI \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

5. AIDE FINAL ACTION: To D/PA for regret, 12 May 80✓  
12 MAY 1980

13 May 1980

Rabbi David Saperstein  
Commission on Social Action  
of Reform Judaism  
2027 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Rabbi Saperstein:

Admiral Turner has asked me to thank you for your letter of May 5th, and for your invitation for him to address the seminar on "U.S. Perceptions of the Soviet Threat." Unfortunately, the Admiral has so many events already scheduled far into the foreseeable future that it is impossible to take on any additional commitments.

He appreciates your thinking of him, however.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Herbert E. Hetu  
Director of Public Affairs

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT (O/DCI)**  
Routing Slip

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SUSPENSE DATE:

Remarks:

*DCI Colby declined a similar invitation from this group in '74 or '75.*

Executive Secretary  
*[Signature]*  
Date

# **U.S. PERCEPTIONS OF THE SOVIET THREAT SEMINAR**

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May 5, 1980

Adm. Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Adm. Turner:

With the deterioration of U.S.-Soviet relations following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the withdrawal and near demise of the SALT II Treaty, an assesment of U.S./U.S.S.R. policy and the U.S. perceptions of the Soviet Union which undergird that policy seems necessary at this time. Many analysts disagree in their perceptions of the Soviet threat, and many Americans fear the Soviet Union. This fear is sometimes based on fact, sometimes on fiction, sometimes on appearances and sometimes on reality. Because this perception strongly affects both formulation and implementation of our policy towards the Soviet Union, we hope through a seminar to gain some insight into it.


In order to assist religious leaders in this assesment, the Foreign Policy and Military Spending Task Force of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council (WISC) is preparing a seminar on "U.S. Perceptions of the Soviet Threat". WISC is a cooperative organization of over 40 religious groups which maintain Washington government liason offices. We are inviting 150 religious leaders to participate in this seminar to be held in Washington on May 29-30, 1980.

Because of your experience in this area, it is our privilege to invite you to address the seminar concerning the Central Intelligence Agency's perceptions of the Soviet Union on Friday, May 30 at 9:45 a.m. for about 45 minutes. The seminar is by nature exploratory and educational, and we hope to establish a thorough and free exchange of divergent points of view on the issue.

**110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Rm. 108, Washington, DC 20002**

We hope you will be able to join us, and thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. I look forward to a timely response, so we may move forward in the seminar's planning and organization. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 387-2800. Again, for the planning committee, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Saperstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rabbi David Saperstein  
For the Planning Committee  
Co-Director, Religious Action Center  
Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism  
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